

**Question for written answer P-000907/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Minimum wage legislation in Germany - opinion of the Commission

On 1 January 2015, Germany introduced minimum wage legislation¹ which will affect every employee working in that country regardless of whether their employer is German or not. In the road transport sector the measure will have a particular impact on employees and employers involved in driving, since it applies not only to cabotage but to all international goods and passenger transport on German territory, including transit.

As is explained in the 2015 Annual Growth Survey (COM(2014) 902), modernising the functioning of network industries, upgrading infrastructure capacity and further opening services sectors remains a challenge for most Member States, as shown the country-specific recommendation issued to the Member States in 2014, which put the focus on measures to improve the functioning of their network industries and to enhance competition in product and services sectors, notably as regards regulated professions.

1. Does the Commission not think that a number of points of the German legal provisions violate EU law and/or the principles of the single internal market, besides placing a considerable administrative burden on those affected?
2. Does the Commission not consider the German provisions to be too protective of the market and restrictive of competition, factors which contradict freedom to provide services?
3. In the Commission's view, are the German provisions compatible with what is set out in the 2015 Annual Growth Survey?

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https://www.juris.de/jportal/portal/t/npz/page/homerl.psm!?nid=jprNLTRADG000114&cmsuri=%2Fjuris%2Fde%2Fnachrichten%2Fzeigenachricht.jsp&sayit_cmd=autoplay&id=home.link.dokument.vorlesen